

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : He has given only such a vague answer ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : He has had time only for that.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware that, even after the Peishkar was convinced, on personal inspection, that the grievance was legitimate, demand notices have been issued to the poor ryots for the Vrischikam kist ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no such information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, if necessary, after getting the Land Revenue Commissioner's report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Government will direct the Land Revenue Commissioner to make an immediate report ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Shifting of the leper asylum.

61. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for shifting the leper asylum to some place in the Nuranad pakuthi ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the number of schools, temples, churches, mosques, markets, offices and other institutions situated within one mile of the proposed site ;

(c) the area of the land required for the purpose and the area of the Government land that is available for the same ;

(d) whether any earnest effort has been made by the Inspecting Medical Officer for fixing a site where the necessary Government land is available and the choosing of which would not cause much public alarm ;

(e) if the answer to part (d) is in the affirmative, the taluks and pakuthies in which such investigation has been made with the reports with respect to each of such places ;

(f) whether it is a fact that the Inspecting Medical Officer was requested by two or three persons to suggest the transfer of the leper asylum to their lands in certain pakuthies of Kunnattur and Mavelikara and that all that he has done is only to choose one of such sites ;

(g) whether the Inspecting Medical Officer cared to ascertain the number of public institutions and places of public resort within a radius of one mile ;

(h) whether any enquiry has been made on the memorial presented to the Dewan by the Legislative Council member for the Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli constituency on the 9th Vrischikam 1107 on behalf of the inhabitants of Nuranad, Chunakara and Tamarakulam ; and

(c) whether they propose to ascertain if a more suitable site, where the necessary Government land is available and sufficiently away from the inhabited area, could not be found?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) A site in Nuranad pakuthi is also among the sites which are being considered for the location of the leper asylum.

(b) The information is not at present available, but these aspects are also receiving consideration.

(c) About 150 acres. No Government land is available at Nuranad.

(d) Yes; and it is still being made by Government. The matter is being investigated by an expert committee.

(e)

<i>Taluk.</i>	<i>Pakuthi.</i>
Kunnattur	Kodumon.
Do.	Edakad.
Do.	Enathimangalam.
Mavelikara	Nuranad.

The question of selection of a site has not been finally decided and as such the reports cannot be placed on the table.

(f) Certain people offered to sell their lands for the proposed leper asylum; but no site has been chosen.

(g) The answer is in the negative.

(h) Yes; the Dewan inspected the locality in the company of the member and Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.

(i) In view of the answer to part (d), this does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): In regard to part (a) may I know what were the particular features of Nooranad which prompted the Government to conduct an investigation with regard to the site there?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The climate of the place, the location of the site and the proximity to the road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What are the peculiar features of Nooranad which made the Government start the investigation?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): But, before the Government appointed the committee they had thought of this site for this purpose. I want to know what were the particular features of Nooranad which led the Government to choose that place first for this purpose?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Mainly, the healthy climate of the place and the suitability of the site. The Executive Engineer and the Chief Engineer report that that site is the best among the sites so far selected.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What I want to know is how, before the Government asked their Engineers to enquire into the matter, they happened to think of Nooranad first for this purpose.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The owner of the site seems to have offered the site for sale.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): The owner of how many acres?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Twenty acres.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What is the total extent of the area required for the asylum?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): 150 acres.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the owner of the 20 acres offered the area gratis?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No, only for sale; that induced the Government to think of that site.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is the consent of the owner necessary for the Government acquiring private property for public purposes?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Then what is the particular reason which induced Government to think of this site first?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The availability of a suitable site was brought to the notice of Government by the owner of the property.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that Government wanted to oblige the owner?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Do the Government propose to ascertain whether the owner or owners of the remaining 150 acres necessary for the asylum, were prepared to part with the land?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No. They have not come to any conclusion in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it the willingness of the owner of the 20 acres to part with the land that prompted the enquiry by Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, that induced the Government to start the enquiry?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I take it that Government will start investigation whenever owners of properties offer their properties for sale to Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government wanted land for this purpose. The offer of this land was reasonable and the land seemed suitable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What was the reasonableness in the offer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): His demand was fair and the land was suitable. It was level ground and it was near the road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): So, whenever level grounds near the roads are offered for sale, Government would start enquiries?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The locality is a healthy locality.

These are hypothetical questions Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Who reported as to the healthy nature of the locality?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is he an expert to give opinions on questions of health?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has given his opinion from his observation as a man of common sense.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Who is the owner of the 20 acres offered for sale?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Sankarathil Mathew Mathai.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Does he say that the owner or owners of the rest of the land are prepared to sell their portion of the land?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No; he does not say anything with regard to that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has he fixed any price for his land?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the Inspecting Medical Officer inspected other sites also?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Which is the site that he considers best?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The site is Atrankal in Enatimangalam.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Have the Government asked any of their officers to ascertain the details asked for in part (b) of the question?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Committee appointed for the purpose will consider all those points.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Have they been asked to consider these points also?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They have not been specifically asked to consider these points.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What are the points that they have been asked to consider?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They have been asked to select a site for this purpose.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Have they not been directed to report upon specific points?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
When was the Committee appointed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): In September 1932.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
Who are the members of the Committee?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Dr. Noble, the Chief Engineer and the Quilon Peishkar.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
Is it after the inspection of the sites by the Inspecting Medical Officer that this Committee was appointed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
May I know whether Dr. Noble holds any office under Government.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was a member of the Medical Board.

PRESIDENT: You are getting away from your point, Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it because there was none in our Health Department competent to advise Government on this matter that Dr. Noble was chosen?

PRESIDENT: Again, you are going away from the question. You are cross-examining the member. I must ask you not to do so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): The member stated that it was reported by the Inspecting Medical Officer that the site Atiramkal was the best available for this purpose. Are there not lands available in the neighbourhood?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
In answer to part (h) it has been stated that the Dewan inspected the place in the company of the member and Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai. Has the Dewan recorded his opinion?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
What is it, please?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is confidential.

Choosing of a site for the leper asylum.

62. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):
Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the particular sites under their consideration for the shifting of the leper asylum;

(b) whether the merits of the particular sites have been examined with reference to the following points:—

(i) the nature of the locality from the standpoint of health;

(ii) the absence of much habitation;